

profit or trust under this Constitution, or under the laws made pursuant thereto, shall, before he enters upon the duties of such office, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I, _____, do swear, (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of _____ according to the Constitution and laws of this State; and if a Governor, Senator, member of the House of Delegates or Judge, that I will not directly or indirectly receive the profits, or any part of the profits, of any other office during the term of my acting as _____.

Sec. 7. Every person hereafter elected or appointed to office in this State, who shall refuse or neglect to take the oath or affirmation of office, provided for in the sixth section of this Article, shall be considered as having refused to accept the said office, and a new election or appointment shall be made, as in case of refusal to accept or resignation of an office; and any person violating said oath, shall, on conviction thereof in a court of law, in addition to the penalties now or hereafter to be imposed by law, be hereafter incapable of holding any office of profit or trust in this State.

Which was read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Archer, (by unanimous consent,) submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the Report by the Committee on the Legislative Department be recommitted, with instructions to report the following additional section:

No person shall be incompetent as a witness on account of race or color, unless hereafter so declared by act of the General Assembly;

Pending the consideration of which,

Mr. Wickes moved a call of the House;

Which was sustained.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Carmichael, (President,) Alvey, Archer, Austin, Barnes, Bateman, Bell, Bennett, Bradley, Brent, Brewer, of Baltimore city, brewer, of Montgomery, Brown, Buchanan, Carter, Chambers, Cover, Devries, Dobbin, Dorsey, Duvall, Emack, Evans, Ferry, Finley, Flaherty, Ford, Franck, Franklin, Galt, Garey, George, Giddings, Gill, Goldsborough, of Talbot, Groome, Hall, Hammond, Hayden-Hoblitzell, Hodson, Hollyday, Horsey of Frederick, Hor,